GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Vacant Berths in 1st and 2nd AC due to High Fare
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to exorbitant increase in the fares in Railways, the first and second class berths remain vacant in almost all the trains;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to rationalize the rail fares; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) Passenger fares have not been increased since June 2014. Moreover, class-wise analysis of utilisation of reserved accommodation during the financial year 2015-16 and 2016-17 (upto October) has revealed that it has been same in all the classes with slight drop in the occupancy of Third Economy (3E) and Executive Class (EC) and increase in First Class (FC) and Sleeper Class (SL).
(b) & (c) Evaluation of various alternatives relating to rationalisation of Passenger Fare is an on-going process.
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